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HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
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To: Pharmacists
All Prescribers
Nursing Home Administrators
Regional Support Networks
Managed Care Organizations

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**Subject: Prescription Drug Program: The Medicare Prescription Drug Program
(Medicare Part D)**

Effective for dates of service on and after February 21, 2006, the Health and Recovery Services Administration (HRSA) will pay basic Medicare Part D copayments for Medicare/Medicaid dual-eligible clients.

What is changing?

On February 21, 2006, HRSA will begin paying for basic Medicare Part D copayments for eligible clients up to a maximum of \$5.00 per claim. Claims submitted with dates of service prior to February 21, 2006 are not eligible for copayments paid by the state.

Who is eligible for HRSA paid copayments?

Dual-eligible clients are eligible to have copayments covered by HRSA. Dual-eligible clients are clients who are receiving services from both Medicare *and* Medicaid.

What is the maximum HRSA pays for a copayment?

HRSA pays a maximum of \$5.00. Medicare Part D prescription drug plans require most clients to pay copayments from \$1.00 to \$5.00.

Note: Do not request the dual-eligible client to pay for any Medicare Part D copayments of \$5.00 or less. Copayment amounts above \$5.00 will remain the client's responsibility.

How do I bill the copayment?

Enter an "8" in the *Other Coverage Code* field 308-C8 and enter the copayment amount in either the *Other Amount Claimed Submitted* field 480-H9 or the *Gross Amount Due* field 430-DU.

Note: HRSA will pay only the copayment of a paid Medicare Part D claim, in the amount indicated by the client's plan up to the maximum of \$5.00 per claim.

How do I conduct business electronically with HRSA?

You may conduct business electronically with HRSA by accessing the WAMedWeb at <http://wamedweb.acs-inc.com>.

How can I get HRSA's provider documents?

To obtain HRSA's provider numbered memoranda and billing instructions, go to HRSA's website at <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov> (click on the ***Billing Instructions/Numbered Memoranda*** or ***Provider Publications/Fee Schedules*** link).

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